Italian Personnel in P.M.'s Security Arrangements

1696. SHRl RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA;

SHRI SHARAD YADAV: SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Italian personnel are involved in the Prime Minister's security arrangement;

(b) if so, what, are the details thereof stating the number of Italians in the Prime Minister's security arrangements and whether they are private persons or employees of the Italian Government and

(c) what are the considerations for having Italian personnel in the security arrangements for the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Exploitation of Tribal Female Workers in Orissa

1697. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sexual exploitation of tribal female workers in the Benspani and Barbil Sector mises area of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to end sexual exploitation and harassment caused to the female mine workers in that part of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) No, Sir. However, the Ministry had received a representation from the United Minerals Workers Union, Chakradharpur Distt. Singh bhum, Bihar, regarding exploitation of female tribal workers engaged in iron ore loading in railway sidings in certain parts of Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. One of the points made in the representation was regarding sexual exploitation of these women workers by contracters.

(b) An Officer of the Ministry of Labour had visited the area to enquire into the compIaints made by the United Minerals Workers Union. No Specific case was brought to her notice by the workers regarding sexual exploitation. However, State Governments of Bihar and Orissa have been addressed in this matter.

Re-export Arrangements between India and Turkey

1698. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Turkey has offered re-export arrangements re cently 'and if so, what are the details there of; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been lately import ing many arm products from Turkey; if so, what are the delails thereof and the 'details of goods exported from India to that country?